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The DIVERSITY and INCLUSION Newsletter
of the Mid-Atlantic Region



Civil Air Patrol

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National Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month

THIS MONTH'S TRAILBLAZER: JUAN RODRIGUEZ, LT COL, CAP NATIONAL DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION OFFICER



Lt. Col. Juan Rodriguez from Puerto Rico, is U.S. Civil Air Patrol's National Diversity Officer. A member of CAP since 1977 and a Gen. Carl A. Spaatz Awardee, he was recently appointed by former CAP National Commander and CEO,

Maj. Gen. Mark Smith, who expressed confidence that Lt. Col. Rodriguez is the right person for this important staff position. He succeeds Col. Liz Sydow, now Commander of CAP's Virginia Wing. His duties will include working national, region and wing diversity officers to implement processes, provide training opportunities, increase awareness and expand strategic partnerships that will result in a more diverse, inclusive and equitable organization for us all.

The U. S. Civil Air Patrol joins the Nation in paying tribute to the generations of Hispanic and Latino Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society.



Interesting Fact:

Hispanic refers to people who speak Spanish or who are descendants of those from Spanish-speaking countries. In contrast, Latino refers to geography: specifically, people from Latin America including Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

Did You Know?

In 1910, Peruvian aviator and engineer Jorge Chavez became the first person to fly across the Alps. He was 23 years old and had only just earned his pilot's license.

On September 19, 1910, he took off from the French side of the Alps for his record-breaking journey. His 51-minute flight was successful, but he crashed during

landing. Chavez survived the crash but sadly, died from injuries four days later on the Italian side of the Alps.



Peruvian Aviator and engineer
Jorge Chavez
Credit: U.S. Air Force

RESOURCES (click on the links)

- [CAP Aerospace Education Hispanic and Latino Heritage Lessons](https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/programs/aerospace-education/about-us/diversity--inclusion/hispanic-and-latino-lessons)

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- [Four History-Making Latinos You Should Know](https://airandspace.si.edu/stories/editorial/four-history-making-latinos-you-should-know)

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- [NASA's Hispanic Astronauts](https://www.nasa.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/hispanic_astronauts_fs.pdf)

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MAR D&I: Lt Col Carlos Montague / Chaplain (Maj) Sung Kwon
<http://mar.cap.gov/diversity-inclusion>

FUN ACTIVITIES

- [26 Healthy Mexican-Inspired Recipes for Kids](https://www.eatingwell.com/gallery/13061/healthy-mexican-recipes-for-kids/)

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- [Hispanic Heritage Month Mundo Learning Video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4_3jW04dzEk&ab_channel=AlejandraPaniagua)

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